

**NORFOLK ISLAND**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1994**

1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.05 am. Mr President (Hon D E Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 **CONDOLENCES**  
Mr Buffett recorded the death of -

Ernest Christian  
Gilbert Hitch  
Winifred Marian Underwood  
William Herbert Quarrell

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members stood in silence

3 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**  
The time for questions having expired, Mr Bates moved -

**THAT** time for questions without notice be extended by 20 minutes

Question put and agreed to unanimously

4 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**  
The following papers were presented to the House :

- (1) Mrs Lozzi-Cuthbertson (Minister for Health and Education) - Norfolk Island Healthcare Fund - Report from the Norfolk Island Government Auditor to the Legislative Assembly;
- (2) Mr Bennett (Minister for Finance) - Financial Indicators for October 1994

Mr Bennett moved -

**THAT** the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to unanimously;

- (3) Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Works) -  
Tourist arrival figures for October 1994

Mr King moved -

**THAT** the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

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**STATEMENTS**

Statements were made in respect of the following matters:

- (1) Mr Christian (Minister for the Environment) -  
Proposal to establish a quarantine station in  
Norfolk Island
- (2) Mr Bennett (Minister for Finance) - further  
clarification in respect of an earlier  
response he had made to a question without  
notice about the audit of the Airport Fire  
Service;
- (3) Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Works) -  
Inter-government discussions held on 11  
November 1994 between the NIG and the  
Parliamentary Secretary for Territories in the  
Australian Government, Mr Warren Snowdon

Mr Bennett (Minister for Finance) moved -

**THAT** the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to unanimously;

- (4) Mr Bennett (Minister for Finance) - launch of  
the inaugural foenkaad in Norfolk Island,  
Sydney, Auckland, Germany and the United  
States;
- (5) Mr President - warrant for the appointment of  
Mr Bates as an Acting Deputy President

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**PROGRESS REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL  
AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**

Mrs Anderson, Chairman of the Select Committee,  
made a short statement on the Committee's progress

7 **MUSEUM TRUST ACT 1987 - RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE**

Mr Christian (Minister for the Environment), pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT for the purposes of section 5(1) of the Museum Trust Act 1987, the Legislative Assembly resolves to recommend to the executive member the appointment of -

Ronald Coane Nobbs

as a trustee under the Act until 24 August 1995

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to unanimously

8 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORFOLK ISLAND PARKS AND FORESTRY SERVICE**

Mr Adams, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House -

- (a) endorses the proposal to establish a Norfolk Island Parks and Forestry Service, as outlined in the paper presented to the Assembly by Mr Adams, MLA, on 23rd November 1994;
- (b) is of the opinion that, to enhance its future management, Phillip Island should be declared part of the Norfolk Island National Park under the Norfolk Island National Parks and Norfolk Island Botanical Garden Act 1984;
- (c) records its appreciation of the past work of the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service in Norfolk Island and considers that that work would be enhanced by the establishment of a joint agency to incorporate parks management and forestry activities; and
- (d) requests the executive member to pursue the objectives in the tabled paper and outlined in this motion

Debate ensued

**Paper:**

- (a) Mr Adams tabled a paper entitled "Future Direction for Norfolk Island National Parks, Botanical Gardens, Forestry Reserves and Phillip Island" and
- (b) Mr Christian (Minister for the Environment) tabled a "letter" from 287 residents which read "As concerned citizens of the community we feel that it is time for Norfolk Island, to accept responsibility for the conservation and management of our natural resources. As a necessary commencement to this process, we would urge that the Assembly assume responsibility for the conservation and management of Philip Island. Further we are of the belief, that a Philip Island management plan be produced and implemented by the residents of Norfolk Island"

Debate adjourned (Mr Adams) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting

- 9 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (SPEAKER) AMENDMENT BILL 1994**  
Mr King (Minister for Tourism and Works), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Legislative Assembly Ordinance 1979 and moved -

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

**Paper:** Mr King tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Debate ensued

Debate adjourned (Mr King) and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting

- 10 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILL 1994**  
Mrs Lozzi-Cuthbertson (Minister for Health and Education), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to domestic violence and for related purposes and moved -

**THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle**

**Paper:** Mrs Lozzi-Cuthbertson tabled the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill

Debate ensued  
Debate adjourned (Mrs Lozzi-Cuthbertson) and the  
resumption of debate made an Order of the  
Day for the next sitting

11 **NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL ENTERPRISE - FINANCIAL  
ACCOUNTS FOR 1992/93**

Debate resumed (Mr King) on the question - That the  
House take note of the Paper  
Question put and agreed to unanimously

12 **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE HOSPITAL**

Debate resumed (Mr Adams) on the question - That the  
House take note of the Paper  
Question put and agreed to unanimously

13 **FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mrs Sampson moved -

**THAT** this House at its rising adjourn until  
Wednesday 14 December 1994 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to unanimously

14 **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Christian (Minister for the Environment) moved -

**THAT** the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued  
Question put and agreed to unanimously

**AND THEN** the House at 1.55 pm adjourned until Wednesday 14  
December 1994 at 10 a.m.

**ROBIN GRAHAM**  
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present